



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Supreme Court, Associate Justice, Seat 5

1. Name: The Honorable George C. James, Jr.

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): Buck

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge?
Yes. I am a Circuit Court judge. From July 1, 2006 through the present, I have held Seat 2, Resident Judge, Third Judicial Circuit.

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: P.O. Box 1716, Sumter, S.C. 29151

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 803-436-2150

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
(office): 803-436-2150

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1960
Place of Birth: Savannah, Georgia
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [REDACTED]
Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

5. Family Status: In the space below, (a) state whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated; (b) if married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name; (c) if you have ever been divorced or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, state the date, name of the moving party, court, and grounds; and (d) state the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.
Family Status: Married on March 22, 1986 to Dena Owen James.
I have never divorced, and I have two children.



6. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release.

No military service.

7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.

- (a) The Citadel, 1978-1982, B.S. Business Administration.
- (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, 1982-1985, J.D.

8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.

- (a) South Carolina, admitted 1985. I have never taken the bar exam in any other state.

9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.

- (a) The Citadel, Economic Honor Society 1981-1982
- (b) The Citadel, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1982
- (c) The Citadel, Intramurals, 1978-1982
- (d) The Citadel, Gold Stars and Dean's List, 1979-1982
- (d) U.S.C. School of Law, Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity 1984-1985, President

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) S.C. Bar Convention, Trial & Appellate Advocacy	1/22/16
(b) S. C. Bar Convention, Part 2, Criminal Law	1/22/16
(c) Third Circuit Tips from the Bench	10/2/15
(d) 2015 Annual Judicial Conference	8/20-8/21/15
(e) Circuit Judges Conference	3/8-3/10/15
(f) S.C. Bar Convention, Civil Law Update	1/23/15
(g) S.C. Bar Convention, Part 2, Criminal Law Update	1/23/15
(h) Solicitors' Conference (speaker)	9/21/14
(i) 2014 Annual Judicial Conference	8/21-8/22/2014
(j) S.C. Assn. for Justice	8/7/14

(k)	S.C. Bar Convention, Torts & Insurance Practice, YLD	1/24/14
(l)	S.C. Bar Convention, Civil Law Update	1/24/14
(m)	S.C. Bar Convention, Criminal Law Update	1/24/14
(n)	SCDTAA Annual Meeting	11/7/13
(o)	2013 Annual Judicial Conference	8/22-8/23/13
(p)	2013 Circuit Judges Conference	5/1-5/3/13
(q)	2013 S.C. Bar Convention, Criminal Law Update	1/25/13
(r)	2013 S.C. Bar Convention, Civil Law Update	1/25/13
(s)	2012 Annual Judicial Conference	8/23-8/24/12
(t)	S.C. Assn. for Justice	8/3-8/4/12
(u)	2012 Circuit Judges Conference	5/2-5/4/12
(v)	2012 S.C. Bar Convention, Civil Law Update	1/20/12
(w)	2012 S.C. Bar Convention, Criminal Law Update	1/20/12
(x)	2011 Annual Judicial Conference	8/18-8/19/11

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.

- (a) I participated on a judicial panel at the Annual Solicitors' Conference on September 21, 2014.
- (b) I participated on a judicial panel at the Annual Solicitors' Conference on September 23, 2013.
- (c) I participated on a judicial panel sponsored by the National Business Institute entitled "What Civil Court Judges Want You to Know" on September 16, 2011.
- (d) Circuit Judge R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr. and I have spoken to the Third Judicial Circuit solicitors, private attorneys, and public defenders on South Carolina and U.S. Supreme Court case law on traffic stops and Rule 609, SCRE impeachment.
- (e) I was an instructor at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada from June 9-12, 2008 in conjunction with its Advanced Evidence course.
- (f) I was a speaker at an S.C. Bar CLE on October 2, 2015 entitled "Third Circuit Tips from the Bench".
- (g) I was part of a judicial panel at the 2014 S.C. Bar Convention sponsored by the Torts & Insurance Practice/Young Lawyers Division.
- (h) I was a guest judge at the SCDTAA Trial Academy on June 5, 2009, April 19, 2013 and April 25, 2014.

12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

None

13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.

- (a) South Carolina, 1985
- (b) United District Court for the District of South Carolina, 1985

14. Describe chronologically your legal experience since graduation from law school and include a list of all law firms with which you have been associated. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years.

(a) Richardson, James and Player, 1985-1997

(b) Richardson and James, 1997-2000

(c) Lee, Erter, Wilson, James, Holler and Smith, L.L.C., 2000-2006 (election to the Circuit Court bench)

During my years in private practice, I had a very busy trial practice. I handled the defense of personal injury cases in state court. I defended governmental entities and law enforcement officers in 42 U.S.C. §1983 cases and tort cases in state court and federal court. I represented insurance carriers in arson and other insurance fraud cases. I also represented plaintiffs in personal injury cases. I also advised and represented business entities and handled business transactions.

15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable):

(a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge.

(b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area.

(c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity.

(d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Judge, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any

issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law Judge Court.

N/A. None of these apply to candidacy for the Supreme Court.

16. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

(a) Martindale-Hubbell: AV

* **Retired justices/judges and justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 17–22. If a candidate is seeking a judgeship different than his or her current position, Questions 17-22 should be answered based on experience prior to serving on the bench.**

17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the five years prior to your election to the bench?

(a) federal: 30% of my case load in the last five years of private practice was in Federal Court. Frequency of court appearances is hard to recall, as most of the cases I handled were resolved on summary judgment. I probably appeared less than once per month on average.

(b) state: During my last five years in private practice, 70% of my case load was in state court. I appeared frequently for hearings and trials, probably a minimum of four to five times per month.

18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the five years prior to your election to the bench?

(a) civil: 98%

(b) criminal: 1%

(c) domestic: 1%

(d) other:

19. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?

(a) jury: 85%

(b) non-jury: 15%

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters? Sole counsel.

20. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court or before a state or federal agency, prior to your election to the bench. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.

(a)



- [REDACTED]
- (b) Heyward v. Christmas, 357 S.C. 202, 593 SE 2d 141 (2004). The plaintiff sued for violation of his civil rights at the hand of our client, a state trooper. The case went to trial in Sumter County and the trial court directed a verdict in the trooper's favor, finding as a matter of law that his conduct was "objectively reasonable" under Fourth Amendment jurisprudence. The Court of Appeals reversed. The Supreme Court granted *certiorari* and reversed, finding the trial court was correct.
 - (c) Charles v. Hill, et al, 03-CP-21-603 (Florence County Court of Common Pleas). I defended a Florence County assistant public defender, an assistant solicitor, and a Florence County sheriff's investigator in a case in which the plaintiff alleged prosecutorial misconduct, perjury, and malicious prosecution in relation to his convictions for several criminal offenses. Pertinent issues involved service of process by certified mail, relief from default, prosecutorial immunity, and related defenses. All defendants were dismissed on motion for summary judgment.
 - (d) At the end of my private practice, I was representing three workers' compensation claimants in occupational disease cases against Yuasa-Exide. Co-counsel and I worked on these cases from 1998 until I went on the bench in 2006. My former partners took over after I went on the Circuit bench and subsequently represented many more claimants and obtained recovery for most of them. Disputed issues included those pertaining to "last injurious exposure" and medical causation.
 - (e) Rudolph Herz v. David Rexroad, et al (United States District Court, Florence Division). I represented an Horry County police officer and two deputies in a claim brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983. The plaintiff was arrested by a highway patrolman for interfering with a traffic stop. He alleged that he was beaten and thrown headlong by deputies into the transport van that arrived to transport him to jail, and he claimed his civil rights were violated in many particulars. This case was tried in late 2005 before the Honorable Terry Wooten and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants.

21. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled, prior to your election to the bench. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.
- (a) Universal Benefits v. James McKinney, 349 SC 179, 561 SE2d 659 (Ct. App. 2002). Decided March 25, 2002.
 - (b) Moore v. Sumter County Council, 300 SC 270, 387 SE2d 455 (1990). Decided January 8, 1990.
 - (c) Heyward v Christmas, 357 SC 202, 593 SE2d 141 (2004). Decided March 4, 2004.
 - (d) Tiller v. National Health Care, 334 SC 333, 513 SE2d 843 (1999). Decided April 7, 1999.
 - (e) Lawson v. Sumter County Sheriff's Office, et al, 339 SC 133, 528 SE 2d 86 (Ct. App. 2000). Decided Feb 7, 2000.

The instruction packet states that I am to attach briefs to this PDQ. I do not have any way of obtaining copies of briefs filed in these cases. I went on the Circuit Court bench in 2006. These cases were all concluded twelve or more years ago, and all of these files have been shredded.

22. List up to five criminal appeals that you have personally handled, prior to your election to the bench. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.

None

23. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

Yes. Since July 1, 2006, I have held Seat 2 as a Resident Circuit Court Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit. I was elected by the General Assembly in February 2006 and was re-elected in February 2012. The Circuit Court is a court of general civil and criminal jurisdiction.

24. If the answer to question 23 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.

- (a) Harris Teeter, Inc. v. Moore & Van Allen, PLLC, 390 S.C. 275, 701 S.E.2d 742 (2010).

This was a complex legal malpractice action in Charleston County. I granted summary judgment to the defendants on the issue of proximate cause, further ruled that the plaintiff's expert witness affidavits were insufficient, and further ruled that the plaintiff failed to establish that the defendants' conduct was negligent. The South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed.

- (b) Rutland v. SCDOT, 390 S.C. 78, 700 S.E. 2d 241 (Ct. App. 2010). In this wrongful death case, an Orangeburg County jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff. Prior to trial, the plaintiff had settled with an automobile manufacturer for certain sums for wrongful death and conscious pain and suffering. I granted SCDOT's post-trial motion to re-allocate the division of the auto manufacturer's payments, the unfortunate effect of which was to render the jury's verdict to be completely set off by the re-allocated payments. The Court of Appeals affirmed.

- (c) Stevens & Wilkinson of South Carolina, Inc. v. City of Columbia, 409 S.C. 568, 762 S.E. 2d 696 (2014). In this Richland County case, two developers and an architectural firm entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Columbia to develop a publicly-funded hotel for the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The City abandoned the plan and the plaintiffs sued, asserting legal and equitable claims. The city moved for summary judgment and after an exhaustive hearing, I granted summary judgment, finding that the Memorandum of Understanding did not amount to a contract because it was clear the parties knew material terms remained to be agreed upon and there was no meeting of the minds on these material terms. I also ruled that the payments

28. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.
None, other than summer jobs during high school, college, and law school.
29. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.
None
30. Provide, **as a separate attachment**, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:
- (a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings; and
 - (b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.
- A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

NOTE: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.

31. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.
I was formerly a member of Security Management of South Carolina, LLC, a uniformed security guard company. I sold my share in the business in the early 2000's. If that company were to be a party in any action before me, I would disqualify myself from the case.
32. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$125 or less was imposed.
No. I received a speeding ticket in 2013 or 2014, but the fine was less than \$125.00.
33. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.
No.
34. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, give details.
No.

35. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates and resolution.
- (a) I, Circuit Judge Alison R. Lee, Lexington County Master-in-Equity James O. Spence, Lexington County Clerk of Court Beth A. Carrigg, and Citi-Mortgage, Inc. were sued by Joseph McQuatters in the Lexington County Court of Common Pleas (2010-CP-32-01917). As I recall, I was never served with the summons and complaint, but the Insurance Reserve Fund provided counsel to me. Her name is Lisa L. Smith, Esq., of Davis Frawley, LLC. Mr. McQuatters sued me because he did not like a ruling I made in a Lexington County foreclosure suit brought against him by Citi-Mortgage. The action against me was dismissed on January 14, 2013. Attorney Smith advised me by email that Mr. McQuatters also filed an action in federal court on February 11, 2013 against Judge Lee and me, but I was never served with any papers in that case either. I do not know the case number, never saw the summons and complaint, and assume that action was dismissed.
36. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been sanctioned or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or has any jurisdiction found that you committed any misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition.
[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]
37. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? If so, give the details.
No.
38. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy.
I am not in private practice.
39. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?
- (a) I am on LinkedIn. I rarely go to the site and do not "use" it to communicate with anyone. It has not been affected by my serving in a judicial capacity.
40. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.
No.

41. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.
No.
42. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.
None
43. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.
None
44. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?
None at this time, but I will likely write a letter to all members of the General Assembly (other than those on the JMSC) announcing my candidacy. My expenditures will be less than \$100.00.
45. List the amount and recipient of all contributions made by you or on your behalf to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of your intent to seek election to a judgeship.
None
46. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? If so, give details.
Note: The flash drive with your application materials contains (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, and (3) informal opinions and letters concerning pledging prohibitions, with which third parties acting on your behalf, as well as you, must comply.

My answer to all these questions is "No".

47. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? If so, give details. Are you aware of any third parties contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? If so, give details.
My answer to these questions is "No".
48. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?
Yes.
49. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.
No.
50. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? If so, give details.
No.
51. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
(a) Sumter County Bar Association, 1985 to the present. I was secretary in the early to mid-1990s.
(b) South Carolina Bar Association, 1985 to the present.
(c) American Bar Association, 1985 to the present.
(d) South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association, 1985-2006. I served on the Executive Committee from 1994 through 1997.
52. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.
(a) Sunset Country Club
(b) Sumter Cotillion
(c) Sumter Assembly (currently president)
(d) Les Trente
(e) Thalian Club
(f) Matthew J. Perry Civility Award, 2009, awarded by the Richland County Bar Association.
(g) The Citadel Alumni Association
(h) The Citadel Brigadier Club

53. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my ten years on the Circuit bench. I have learned a lot about the application of legal principles to complicated factual scenarios. My judicial service, along with my twenty one years of private practice, has prepared me for service on the Supreme Court. I work very hard and I take pride in being thorough and clear in my rulings. I believe I am prepared to serve this State as a member of the Supreme Court.

54. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons, including your banker, from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with **original letters** of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet incomplete.** Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application packet.*

(a) Paul W. Robbins, Vice President, First Citizens Bank, 201 N. Washington St., Sumter, S.C. 29150, (803) 775-1225.

(b) The Honorable James C. Campbell, Sumter County Clerk of Court, 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter, S.C. 29150, (803) 436-2227.

(c) Cameron T. Harvin, L.A. Leasing & Sales, P.O. Box 458, Sumter, S.C. 29151, (803) 469-4334.

(d) Reverend Angela H. Marshall, Trinity United Methodist Church, 226 West Liberty St., Sumter, S.C. 29150, (803) 773-9393.

(c) John M. Brabham, Jr., Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, 1081 Alice Drive, Sumter, S.C. 29150, 803-775-1201.

55. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

None

56. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

None

57. For sitting judges, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?

I have not.

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature:  _____

Sworn to before me this 22 day of July, 2016.

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(Notary Signature)

Debra J. Flinchum

(Notary Printed Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 5/26/2019

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
GEORGE C. JAMES, JR.
CANDIDATE, SUPREME COURT, SEAT 5

I, George C. James, Jr., submit the following as an amendment to my answer to Question 20 of the Personal Data Questionnaire submitted in July 2016. The purpose of this amendment is to delete answer (a) to Question 20 and to insert the following in its place. My original answers (b)-(e) shall remain the same.

20. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court or before a state or federal agency, prior to your election to the bench. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.

(a) South Carolina Farm Bureau v. Rodney Graham (2005-CP-26-00997). I represented Farm Bureau in this action, which arose out of a fire that completely destroyed a home in Santee, S.C. Farm Bureau provided hazard insurance coverage on the home and investigated the fire after the insured owner made a claim for payment under the policy. After the investigation was complete, Farm Bureau commenced this action alleging that the fire was intentionally set by or at the direction of the insured owner and that the insured had made material misrepresentations in the policy application. After a 3-4 day trial, an Horry County jury returned a verdict for Farm Bureau and awarded a money judgment of approximately \$200,000.00, which sum represented the amount paid by Farm Bureau to the insured's mortgagee. This case was significant because of the extensive preparation required to bring the case to trial and because of the fire science issues involved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: _____

Sworn to before me this 26 day of Aug., 2016.

Sherry H. Yow
(Notary Signature)

Sherry H. Yow
(Notary Printed Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

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